

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 and 16-19 remain pending in the present application. Claims 13-15 have been cancelled. Claims 17 and 18 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Sugiyama et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,017,141). Claims 13 and 14 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugiyama et al. as described above in paragraph 2. Claim 15 has been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

### **ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

Claims 1-12 and 16-19 are allowed. Claims 1-8, 9, 10-12, 16 and 19 form separate claims sets. Claims 17 and 18 depend from Claim 13. Claims 17 and 18 were indicated as being allowed by the examiner. Applicant believes the Examiner meant that Claims 17 and 18 would be allowable if written in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 17 and 18 have both been amended to


independent form to include the limitations of Claim 13 and are thus believed to be allowable.

#### CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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